

- vehicles: 1995 Jeep Wrangler  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 18249 (April 14, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-255
11. Docket No. NHTSA-98-3710  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1993 Jeep Cherokee manufactured for Middle Eastern and other foreign markets  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1995 Jeep Cherokee  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 18248 (April 14, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-254
12. Docket No. NHTSA-98-3715  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1981-1988 Toyota Landcruiser  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1981-1988 Toyota Landcruiser  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 18489 (April 15, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-252
13. Docket No. NHTSA-98-3716  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1995-1998 Ford Windstar  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1995-1998 Ford Windstar  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 18491 (April 15, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-250
14. Docket No. NHTSA-98-3717  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1990 Volkswagen Transporter  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1990 Volkswagen Vanagon  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 18490 (April 15, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-251
15. Docket No. NHTSA-98-3806  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1995 Ferrari 456  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1995 Ferrari 456  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 25895 (May 11, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-256
16. Docket No. NHTSA-98-3809  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1997-1998 Mercedes-Benz SLK  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1997-1998 Mercedes-Benz SLK  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 27117 (May 15, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-257
17. Docket No. NHTSA-98-3811  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1990-1993 Bentley Continental R  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1990-1993 Bentley Continental R  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 27116 (May 16, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-258
18. Docket No. NHTSA-98-3822  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1996-1998 BMW Z3  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1996-1998 BMW Z3

- Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 27343 (May 18, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-260
19. Docket No. NHTSA-98-3823  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1995 Ferrari F355  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1995 Ferrari F355  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 27344 (May 18, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-259
20. Docket No. NHTSA-98-3851  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1995 Mercedes-Benz C280  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1995 Mercedes-Benz C280  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 27616 (May 19, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-262
21. Docket No. NHTSA-98-3852  
Nonconforming Vehicles: 1997 Porsche Boxster  
Substantially similar U.S.-certified vehicles: 1997 Porsche Boxster  
Notice of Petition published at: 63 FR 27617 (May 19, 1998)  
Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-261

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Ex Parte No. 558 (Sub-No. 1)]

**Railroad Cost of Capital—1997****AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.**ACTION:** Notice of decision.

**SUMMARY:** On July 20, 1998, the Board served a decision to update its estimate of the railroad industry's cost of capital for 1997. The composite cost of capital rate for 1997 is found to be 11.8%, based on a current cost of debt of 7.2%; a cost of common equity capital of 13.8%; a cost of preferred equity capital of 6.1%; and a 29.67% debt, 70.28% common equity, 0.05% preferred equity capital structure mix. The cost of capital finding made in this proceeding will be used in a variety of Board proceedings.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This action is effective July 9, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leonard J. Blistein, (202) 565-1529. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The cost of capital finding in this decision shall be used to evaluate the adequacy of railroad revenues for 1997 under the standards and procedures promulgated in *Standards for Railroad Revenue Adequacy*, 3 I.C.C.2d 261 (1986). This finding may also be used in other Board

proceedings involving, for example, the prescription of maximum reasonable rate levels and proposed abandonments of rail lines. Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To obtain a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC NEWS & DATA, INC., Room 210, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.] The decision is also available on the Board's internet site at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov).

**Environmental and Energy Considerations**

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action in this proceeding will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The purpose and effect of this action are to update the annual railroad industry cost of capital finding by the Board. No new reporting or other regulatory requirements are imposed, directly or indirectly, on small entities.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 10704(a).

Decided: July 9, 1998.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Docket No. AB-547X]

**Roaring Fork Railroad Holding Authority—Abandonment Exemption—in Garfield, Eagle and Pitkin Counties, CO**

On June 30, 1998, Roaring Fork Railroad Holding Authority (RFRHA) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903-10905<sup>1</sup> to abandon its line of railroad known as the Aspen Branch, extending from milepost 360.22 near Glenwood Springs

<sup>1</sup> RFRHA seeks exemptions from the offer of financial assistance (OFA) provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10904 and the public use provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10905. These exemption requests will be addressed in the final decision.